

When Americans were reminded that a Prime Minister had recently been elected and that a new government had come into office, a narrow plurality believed that the change would not matter to the United States (34% to 29%). Interestingly, more than a third (35%) were undecided about the effect that the change in government was likely to have. Across the census regions, a plurality in each case believed that the election of the Prime Minister would not matter to the United States.

In the case of those states sharing a border with Canada, the narrow plurality was reversed and a larger share of Americans believed that the effect of the Prime Minister's election would be positive (34% to 29%). Examining perceptions across status groups shows that among high income Americans a narrow plurality believed that the result would be positive. In all other cases, most believed that the change in government would not matter to the United States. As in each of the questions concerning the new Prime Minister, a sizable number of Americans were undecided about the potential significance to them of future directions of the new government.

When those Americans (29%) who believed that the election of the Prime Minister and the change in government would be positive were asked why they believe this to be the